

**THE CURSE OF MOLLY MCGEE**

"Forever Home"

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**LOGLINE:** When Patty passes, Molly struggles to accept death.

**THEME:** You can't avoid grieving

When Molly goes to visit Patty in the retirement home, she's met by Bobby Daniels, Linda and Grandma Nin. They have some hard news to share: Patty has passed away. Much to their surprise (and especially Scratch's), Molly takes it incredibly well -- after all, Patty might be gone, but she'll always be with them. They're impressed that she's handling the situation with such maturity. And she's right, Patty will always be in their hearts and memories. Molly smiles -- yes that's what she meant! But in truth... Molly has no reason to mourn Patty. I mean, Patty might not be in this world, but Molly can still be friends with her ghost! She asks Scratch to find Patty in the Ghost World while she works on making the perfect *san phra phum* (ghost house) for her to live in! She and Patty will be friends forever!

Molly helps Bobby go through Patty's belongings and picks out special items Patty will want to keep with her. Back home, Molly diligently focuses on making Patty's *san phra phum*, wanting every detail to be perfect. When Mom and Dad try to talk to her about Patty, she brushes them off. It's not a big deal because her ghost will be coming to live with them! Mom and Dad are worried, but Molly is excited about another forever friend! Meanwhile, Scratch has enlisted Ollie's help as the Chairman to track down Patty in the Ghost World. They check all the usual haunts, consult the Ghost Directory, etc. But... Patty's nowhere to be found. But she has to be here somewhere... right? Ollie grimaces, actually...

Molly smiles as she finishes Patty's *san phra phum* (shaped like her beloved Bandshell). Patty's going to LOVE it! But Scratch and Ollie have to deliver the bad news -- Patty isn't in the Ghost World. She's not a ghost. Molly doesn't get it. Why wouldn't she be? Ollie explains that ghosts aren't supposed to stay in the Ghost World forever. It's an in-between place where some people end up if they have unfinished business. It seems like maybe Patty didn't have any unfinished business so... she's moved on. Though they assure her this is a good thing, Molly can't process it. Patty can't be gone. Molly wasn't ready to lose her! When she finally accepts reality and lets grief in, she is devastated. Patty had so much life! And she doesn't want to forget her! Scratch points to the *san phra phum* and tells Molly that Patty may not be with them, but her life changed Brighton and the people in it. They throw a beautiful memorial at the Bandshell where Molly is able to start the process of healing. **END EPISODE**